



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7533**
Masahiro HONJO : Attorney Docket No. 2001_1710A
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 17, 2007, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1, 12-15, 18-23, 26-28, 31, 32, 35, 40, 43, 48, 51, 54, 57 and 60 without traverse, for further prosecution. In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

If there are any issues that the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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